

# Honey

Arizona's honey production during 2004 was estimated at 1.76 million pounds, down 30 percent from 2003. Average yield from the 32,000 honey producing colonies was 55 pounds, down 17 pounds from last year.

Prices for the 2004 honey crop averaged \$1.15 per pound, down 19 cents from last year. The value of the honey produced by Arizona apiarists was estimated at \$2.02 million, a decrease of 40 percent from 2003.

Estimates of honey production and colonies represent operations where honey is taken from colonies for sale or human consumption. Honey produced by beekeepers with fewer than five colonies is not included. Packaged bees and bees for pollination are included only if some honey was removed for human consumption.

## Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Price, and Value 1/

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Honey producing colonies (1,000)	55	52	40	43	38	35	32
Yield per colony (Pounds)	60	62	59	59	63	72	55
Production (1,000 Pounds)	3,300	3,224	2,360	2,537	2,394	2,520	1,760
Average price per pound (Dollars)	0.64	0.62	0.73	0.72	1.08	1.34	1.15
Value of production (1,000 Dollars)	2,112	1,999	1,723	1,827	2,586	3,377	2,024

1/ December 1 previous year through November 30.

## Honey Production & Price 1998-2004

